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## **State Health Department Releases Guide to Nursing Facility Rates**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health and the North Dakota Health Care Data Committee recently released the 2005 *Guide to Nursing Facility Charges*. The publication contains a complete list of rates for every nursing facility in the state and compares these rates to the statewide averages.

"The document is intended to help consumers make informed health-care purchasing decisions," said Fred Larson of the state health department's Office of Community Assistance. "It includes an index of facility locations and a list of key facility staff, as well as rates for all nursing homes in North Dakota."

The 2005 *Guide to Nursing Facility Charges* is available to the public at no charge, as are other publications designed to help consumers when choosing a nursing facility or alternative forms of long-term care. To request copies, call the North Dakota Department of Health at 701.328.2353. Copies of the *Guide* also may be downloaded from the department's website at www.ndhealth.gov.

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